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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: President Johnson's Relations with the Press

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Attached is a sampling of recent newspaper and magazine comment on the President's relations with the press.
3. The President is mainly criticized for not providing a steady flow of information at regularly scheduled press conferences, for the manner in which he explained why the Vice President was not chosen to attend the Churchill funeral, and for his policies on "leaks."
4. Press Secretary George Reedy is generally given sympathetic treatment, since most commentators feel that he is not given information in advance by the President, and a number of writers speculate that the President "bugs" the room where Mr. Reedy briefs the reporters.
5. The Evans and Novak column of 7 February (see top attachment) which claims that the President is seeking a replacement for Mr. Reedy in order to improve his public image has not been confirmed from any other source.

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